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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed this last October 3, 2001. A response was due this January 3, 2002. A one-month extension of time is hereby requested to make the present response due on February 4, 2002 (February 3, 2002 being a Sunday). A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed in payment of the extension fee. If any other fee is due at this time, please charge this to Deposit Account No. 08-3260 in payment of the extension fee. In this response, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 through 19.

Please add the following claims 20 through 29.

20. A system for cleaning udders of cows in a milking parlor, where there is a plurality of milking stalls arranged on a moving platform to move through a milking cycle, and said parlor comprises a milk extracting region where milking machines extract milk, and an exit location, said system comprising:

a) an udder cleaning apparatus positioned at a cleaning